

Department of Environmental Quality Notice of Stakeholder Meeting on Development of Freshwater Nutrient Criteria

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has scheduled a meeting for invited stakeholders and other interested public to provide a briefing on the efforts of agency staff and the Academic Advisory Committee on Freshwater Nutrient Criteria and to consult with the stakeholders on these efforts. The meeting will be August 18, 2004 in the training room of the DEQ Piedmont Regional Office at 4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen, Virginia from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM.

The Commonwealth's "Plan for Nutrient Criteria Development," which recently received EPA concurrence, can be found on the DEQ Web site at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/wqs/pdf/nutplan2.pdf>. This plan states that during the criteria development phase, the Commonwealth will rely on technical advice/expert opinion from in-house technical staff and an Academic Advisory Committee (AAC) and that a separate general stakeholders group composed of environmentalists, industrial, municipal wastewater and other interested parties will periodically meet with DEQ staff for briefings and opportunity for comment. Once the final version of the AAC report that will be discussed at the meeting is available, a copy will be placed on the DEQ Web site at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/wqs/rule.html#NUT2>.

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